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Re: Application of: Hiroyuki ABURATANI et al.

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For: **ANTIBODY AGAINST SECRETED N-TERMINAL
PEPTIDE OF GPC3 PRESENT IN BLOOD OR C-
TERMINAL PEPTIDE OF GPC3**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Preliminary to examination, Applicants request that the following amendments be made in the above-identified application:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.